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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to frame Information Security Policy and cyber laws;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the timeframe worked out therefor;

(c) whether the Government also plan to develop cyber-cop system to nab the culprits operating from within the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check obscene web sites being entry through Intenet?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a) and (b): The Information Technology Act, 2000 has been enacted by the Parliament and assented to by the President on 9th June, 2000. The Information Security Policy and rules and regulations for implementation of the Information Technology Act are being formulated. The same shall be notified shortly.

(c): The existing Police force will be trained to use computers and Internet and also two handle cyber crimes. No separate cyber-cop system is proposed.

(d): Section 67 of the Information Technology Act provides that whoever publishes or transmits or causes to be published in the electronic form, any material which is lascivious or appeals to the prurient interest or if its effect is such as to tend to deprave and corrupt persons who are likely, having regard to all relevant circumstances, to read, see or hear the matter contained or embodied in it, shall be punished on first conviction with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to five years and with fine which may extend to one lakh rupees and in the event of a second or subsequent conviction with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to ten years and also with fine which may extend to two lakh rupees.